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CHAIRMANSHIPS IN JUNE 1976

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FROM AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN TO UNDER SECRETARY LEWIS,
PASS LABOR FOR SECRETARY AND COMMERCE FOR UNDER SECRETARY

1. AGREEMENT TO SOVIET OFFER DESCRIBED REFTEL WOULD,
IN MY OPINION, BE EVEN WORSE THAN TRADE THIS YEAR FOR
ILO CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY SINCE IMPLEMENTATION WOULD
COME AFTER PERIOD OF US NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL EXPIRES.
OUR OPPOSITION TO COMMUNIST SELECTION TO ELECTIVE POSTS
IN ILO MUST NOT BE REGARDED AS TEMPORARY POLICY FOR
1976-1977, BUT RATHER A FUNDAMENTAL AND LONG TERM
MATTER.

2. I WOULD, THEREFORE, AGREE WITH USDEL GENEVA THAT WE
MAKE CLEAR TO FRG REPRESENTATIVE GENEVA OUR VIEW
OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AND OF ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR
US DECISION ON WITHDRAWAL.

3. BECOMING CLEAR TO ME THAT AVOIDANCE OF CRUNCH ISSUE
76-77 IS THE WORST OF ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS.

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